

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor(if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER WITH CYCLONIC AIR FLOW

the specification of which

_____ is attached hereto

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was filed on December 19, 1998

Application Serial No. 09/216,529

and was amended on (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 or 365(b) of any foreign or U.S. Provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign or Provisional application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States, § 120 of any United States application(s) or any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, of Federal Regulations Code, § 1.56(a) which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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Pending

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(Filing Date)

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ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the undersigned,

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who have created a certain invention for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed concurrently herewith and is entitled

UPRIGHT VACUUM CLEANER WITH CYCLONIC AIR FLOW

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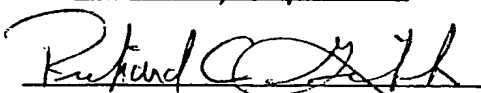
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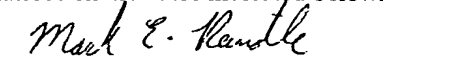
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